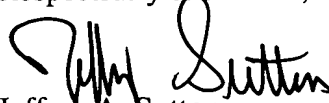


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/004501 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution.

In the specification, a new paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification to include the priority information. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). Claims 4-6, 9, 11, and 12-13 have been amended to comply with U.S. practice. Claims 15 and 16 have been added. Entry of this amendment into the record is requested.

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